

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, and amend claims 1 and 4 as follows.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An optical disk drive apparatus, for reading-out information from an optical disk, having a plural number of information recording layers made up in a direction of rotation axis thereof, through irradiating a light beam upon the information recording layer, and for transferring the information read out to a host-computer, responding to a transfer request from said host-computer, comprising:

a memory configured to memorize the information read out from said information recording layers, said memory including a plurality of predetermined areas of changeable size; and

a processor configured to control said memory, wherein:

said processor supervises accesses for reading out information to each of said plural number of the information recording layers, and memorizes following information, which follows information, upon which a transfer request is made from said host-computer, into [[a]] at least one of said plurality of predetermined [[area]] areas of said memory, and changes the size of each of said plurality of predetermined areas of said memory in dependence upon a frequency of the accesses for reading out information obtained through the supervision thereof.

2. (canceled)

3. (original) The optical disk drive apparatus, as described in the claim 1, wherein said processor further makes management on the access frequency for each of information recorded in each layer of said optical disk, from which the

information is read out.

4. (currently amended) A method for reproducing data, comprising, the following steps of:

reading out information from an information recording layer, by irradiating a light beam upon an optical disk having a plural number of the information recording layers, being piled up in a direction of rotation axis thereof, in accordance with a transfer request from a host-computer;

memorizing the information read out from said information recording layer into a memory, said memory including a plurality of predetermined areas of changeable size;

transferring the information memorized in said memory to said host-computer; and

supervising an access for reading out information to an each layer of said plural number of the information recording layers, and memorizing following information, which follows information, upon which the transfer request is made from said host-computer, into [[a]] at least one of said plurality of predetermined [[area]] areas of said memory, and changes the size of each of said plurality of predetermined areas of said memory in dependence upon a frequency of the accesses for reading out information obtained through the supervision thereof.

5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) The method for reproducing data, as described in the claim 4, wherein the supervision on the access frequency is made for each layer of the plural layers of said optical disk, from which the information is read out.